

COCKRELL'S SPEECH.

While the silver amendment to the tariff bill was pending in the senate last Friday, Senator Cockrell made a speech, of which his constituents may be justly proud. Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, a strong Republican so-called "sound money" advocate, is reported to have said of it that it was the ablest silver speech he had ever listened to.

Mr. Cockrell called attention to the balances in the Treasury, including over \$123,000,000 gold coin and bullion, over \$124,000,000 standard silver dollars, \$177,000,000 of silver bullion (coinage value) on which the profit of seigniorage had been \$53,000,000; \$14,000,000 subsidiary silver coin; \$106,000,000 of greenbacks and \$30,000,000 of Treasury notes of 1890.

Our bonds, the Senator maintained, can be paid as well in silver as in gold, and he called attention to the fact that Secretary Carlisle, and Secretary Herbert had voted while in the house of representatives for the Stanley Matthews resolution declaring bonds payable in either coin. The senator referred also to Senator Sherman as "that distinguished gold monometallist bimetalist" and read from Mr. Sherman's utterances in 1878 when he was secretary of the treasury, that the government reserves the legal right to redeem government obligations in silver. If this policy had been carried out there would have been no raids on the treasury. Exclusive gold payments was a voluntary assumption on the part of the secretary of the treasury. There had been no gold raids prior to 1891 because the silver dollar, up to that time, was the "watch dog of the treasury."

"And it was a more potent watch dog than any of the Rothschilds or the Belmonts," added Mr. Cockrell.

The proposition of the president to issue fifty-year bonds to retire notes he said, was un-Democratic. It was the worst financial proposition that had ever emanated from an executive officer and if adopted it would cost the people \$2,631,000,000. Secretary Carlisle had recently in a speech proclaimed himself for gold. There was no further effort to disguise the issue behind "sound money," which meant absolute gold monometallism.

At 2 o'clock the regular order was laid aside in order to permit Mr. Cockrell to proceed. The galleries had waited for the Cuban debate and the crowd gradually thinned out.

Mr. Cockrell spoke of the timidity of gold as a money and referred to the agitation caused by President Cleveland's Venezuelan message with a string tied to it. That message made the whole country tremble like jelly and the press of New York declared that \$100,000,000 had been lost in consequence.

The senator declared that the Democratic party could not be divided by the silver question. It was the pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, the great constitutional beacon of the Democratic party, the one on which all its victories had been won and those who oppose it would slough off from the party, but would not divide it. Mr. Cockrell was particularly severe on what he termed the "flimsy pretexts" and "stuff" which Secretary Carlisle has offered in his speeches in support of the gold standard. The Senator compared Mr. Carlisle's recent views with those expressed "before he was dined and wined by the Rothschilds and Belmonts and the bond brokers of Wall street and Lombard street."

Referring to an international monetary conference Mr. Cockrell said it was a degrading and humiliating proposition. Every self-respecting nation has established its own financial system and this country was the only one which trailed behind Great Britain and European countries and besought them to come to our relief and establish a financial system for us. We threw our Monroe doctrine in the face of England, and yet we bent the knee to accept the English gold standard and to ask their aid in an international conference.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, entered the diplomatic gallery while Mr. Cockrell was depre-

cating the subservience of his country to the gold standard influence of England. The Senator declared that we should continue our time honored adherence to bimetalism. Then, without apparent intention, Mr. Cockrell faced about toward the diplomatic gallery and concluded: "Or else let us haul down Old Glory, hoist the gold standard and cry out, Long lives the Queen of England and the Empress of India."

Give us Facts.

Oscar Wood, chairman, and A. C. Yocum, secretary of the Populist party of Chariton county, had an address "to the voters of Chariton county" published in last week's issue of the Salisbury Democrat, in which there was a labored effort to prove that the Democratic central committee had no right to adopt a rule for a primary election requiring the voters to support the ticket nominated, and the nominees of the party.

The committee having this matter in charge were not aiming especially to shape the running gear of their political machinery to please these Populist brethren. We believe in the "fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man" and for that reason we call them "brethren."

We know of no political party whose rules and regulations do not bind its members to support its nominees for office, when such nominees are duly chosen by vote of the party, and we think no Democrat that is in favor of law and order, by which we mean rules of conduct adopted by due warrant of law, or custom of the party, ought to rule in a primary election or by other means help to determine who the candidates shall be, unless it is his purpose to vote for the nominees so chosen, whether they are his favorites or not.

Again, the object of this card seems to be to prejudice the people of the county against the candidates, offering for office, whose homes are in Keytesville or in Keytesville township. And then make the bold assertion that "Keytesville is asking for six-ninths (we wonder why they never said two-thirds) of the Democratic county ticket."

What are the facts in the case? In the county papers there are three candidates announced for sheriff; three for county treasurer, two for prosecuting attorney; four for representative; one for county court judge in each of the districts; two for public administrator, and one for county surveyor, making 17 in all.

Of these for sheriff, F. M. Veatch; for treasurer, Geo. H. Applegate; for prosecuting attorney, J. C. Wallace and J. A. Collett; for public administrator, T. E. Mackay, and for representative, Sam'l J. Carter, belong in Keytesville township and all but Mr. Carter live in town, making six-sevenths of the candidates instead of six-ninths belonging to Keytesville.

Now we ask seriously of every thinking man, if the leading Populists of this county their chairman and secretary make such egregious mistakes in matters of small moment, are you willing to risk them in matters of great import?

They have, perhaps, come about as near the truth as regards the number of candidates Keytesville township is offering for office on the Democratic ticket as Populists could reasonably be expected when the number of wheels they have in their heads are taken into consideration.

The attempt of Messrs. Wood and Yocum to stir up strife in the ranks of the Democratic party, in this county, over the rule of the county central committee requiring that all voters who take part in the Democratic primary election shall pledge themselves to support the nominees of the Democratic party, will result in a stronger determination among all loyal Democrats to put a more "beautiful" black eye on the Populist party next November than ever before.

WHAT NEXT?

Shortly after the last meeting of the state Democrat central committee, which called a state convention to be held at Sedalia April 15th, the St. Louis Republic announced, in substance, that there would be no material opposition to the election of a free silver delegation from this state to the national Democratic convention, admitting at the same time that there was an overwhelming majority of the Democrats of Missouri in favor of the free

coinage of silver at a ratio, of 16 to 1. Immediately after the deliverance of the Republic on this subject there was a call issued by ex-Governor Francis and others for a conference in St. Louis of the "sound money" Democrats of this state, to which Democrats of that persuasion were invited. The conference was held and an address to Missouri Democrats was issued, and arrangements made for the inauguration of a fight against the silver idea. Congressman Hall announced then and there that he would make the fight of his life against the free silver heresy, and shortly thereafter made one or more speeches, Hon. Mr. Patterson of Tennessee was sent for and he discoursed to the people in different portions of the state on the same issue, and really the situation looked as though the gold-standard Democrats were going to fight every inch of the ground, with the end in view of capturing at least a portion of the delegates to be elected at Sedalia to the Chicago convention. In its issue of the 21st inst. the Republic says "The silver contest is over in Missouri for the present. The Sedalia platform was written at Pertle Springs. The 16 to 1 men will be able to do as they please at the Sedalia convention." We had hoped the Republic was sincere in its declaration made after the order for the Sedalia convention, but the sound-money conference coming on directly after those declarations were made, we could not help believing there was a nigger in the woodpile all the time and possibly the Republic knew it. Now as it again says the silver contest is over in Missouri for the present," and that "the silver men will do as they please at Sedalia;" we begin to wonder, what next?

Something to Consider.

It is expected that all the delegates from all the counties in Missouri to the Sedalia convention, or a large majority of them, will be free silver men; but the delegates will constitute but a small portion of the crowd that will be there. The managers of all the railroads in the state, so far as we are advised, are on the other side of the financial question. They will, no doubt do as they did for the "sound money" Democratic conference held in St. Louis not long since. They will give free transportation to every gold-standard man that wishes to attend the convention and as a result that class of politicians will be as thick at Sedalia as black-birds in August. They will unmask their hobgoblins that will follow in the train of the remonetization of silver. They will have the cheek to undertake to frighten the bimetallic delegates into at least a straddle platform, if not persuade them to abandon silver altogether; but we trust the delegates will be composed of sterner stuff, and that the crowd opposed to their financial views will not be able to prevent their saying "get thee behind me Satan," "thou art an offense to me." Thou savorest not of the things that pertain to true Democracy and the welfare of the people.

April 4th Vote.

We urge upon the Democrats of Chariton county to come out to their primary election April 4th and vote for their choice for county officials. We have a good list of candidates to select from.

Be sure to select the right kind of men to represent you at the county convention, where delegates to the state convention are chosen, and which shall in turn elect delegates to the national convention that is to nominate a Democratic candidate for president and vice president. If you are for the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, see to it that the delegates from your respective townships are of the same kind of Democrats. Such as they, will elect silver Democrats to the state convention and the state convention will send none but simon-pure Democrats to the Chicago convention, and that convention if composed of that sort of Democrats, will make a free silver platform, and put no candidate on the platform who cannot stand squarely upon it with both feet. What we want now is a close articulation of the small Democratic conclaves with the larger ones, from bottom to top. Be sure that we have it.

THE COURIER predicted more than a year ago, that in view of the almost unanimous sentiment that prevailed in the western states among all shades of

...March Winds!...

Seem to be blowing trade our way. See our new goods, a better assortment in every line than ever before.

Dress Goods.

All Wool Dress Patterns, Plaid Gingham, Silk Tartans, Silk Taffetas, Percales, Ducks in Linen Effect and Plain, Silks, Velvets, Trimmings and Linings of all descriptions.

Dry Goods.

A full line of staple Dry Goods consisting of Calicoes, Domestics, Shirtings, Denims, Cottonades, Jeanes, Flannels, Teazle Downs, Ticks, Etc., Etc.

Carpets from Samples.

Rugs and Hosssocks.

This space reserved for our . . .

Spring Clothing,

. . . Which we expect very soon.

Hats and Furnishing Goods.

We have the exclusive sale of the celebrated

Thoroughbred Hats,

Also a complete line of Gents' Furnishing Goods of all kinds.

Last but not least . . .

Our Shoe Department.

We claim the best selected stock of Ladies' Gents' and Children's Shoes to be found in the city.

Ladies' and Children's Shoes and Oxfords in all widths and styles.

Men's dress and plow shoes.

Keytesville, Missouri.

Miller & Lewis.

politicians in favor of the restoration of silver to the place it had in our financial system previous to its demonitization in 1873, that the Republican party would be forced to give silver coinage a favorable consideration in their national platform for the year 1896. We thought then that a protective tariff policy along with free silver coinage would be prominent features of the Republican national platform for the present year. So many Republicans elected to the present congress, a majority of whom are committed to the gold standard cause, had about dispelled our notion as to what their national platform would contain. Recent events, however, show clearly that many of the western Republicans and eastern manufacturers are disposed to take each other "for better or for worse," provided they can agree upon these two features of a national platform, that they will contend for them in the national convention and in case they cannot get them incorporated in the platform, will walk out of the convention and leave the gold-bugs to hold the bag. If such a combination be formed, it would be well calculated to alarm Republicans in their national conclave, for the reason that money makes the mare go in national campaigns, and the bulk of it has heretofore been furnished by the eastern manufacturers. The eastern plutocrats of the Republican party always wish the party success, but they are willing that some one else shall pay campaign expenses. What a Republican campaign would amount to without manufacturers' money to grease the wheels, it is difficult to say.

In congress last Monday the house committee on elections of president and vice president reported bill favorably, the bill introduced by Mr. Corliss of Michigan, providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people. We hope the bill will become a law; if so, such disgraceful scenes like those kept up for so long a time in the Kentucky legislature in a vain endeavor to elect a senator will be avoided. The wrongdoing in that body of Solons was a costly luxury to the people of the state, as well as a foul blot upon their fair name.

See those lovely pattern hats at Mrs. Vandiver's.

One of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. N. Elliott's twin children is sick.

Silk, in waist patterns and for trimmings, at Mrs. Vandiver's.

Hon. W. S. Stockwell, of Salisbury, was in Keytesville Monday.

Miss Lizzie Aidridge spent Sunday visiting friends and relations in Salisbury.

A. F. Owen, of Brunswick, was in Keytesville on Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

A Card.

Having been during all my manhood years an earnest and active Democrat, I supposed when I entered the race for the nomination by my party for the office of treasurer, that the only test I would be subjected to by my brother Democrats would be that of character and fitness for the office to which I aspired.

My views on the financial question it seems now clear are to be made also a test, and in the judgement of many, even of my former friends is deemed of sufficient gravity to disqualify me for the office, and while I do not think in a candidacy for an office that is not political in its character the test ought to be applied and that because of that my defeat for the nomination is inevitable.

I would not disguise or conceal any views I honestly entertain for any office in the county, and so I withdraw from the race.

I withdraw without any feeling of disloyalty to my party, and without any chagrin at the condition that confront me. To my friends on either side of this financial question who have given the assurance of support, and who I know have stood by me to the end I want to tender my warmest and most earnest thanks and to pledge to them and to the party my earnest and hearty support of all the candidates who may be nominated at the county primary.

Yours Truly
C. O. HOUSTON.

We had a highly appreciated call Wednesday morning from Dr. W. J. Billiter, of Bynumville. He reports good health in his bailiwick, in fact "alarmingly healthy."

An old feud existing between George Lay and Dr. N. C. Williams, of Clifton Hill, caused a clash at arms when they met in the road near their town last Saturday. They were traveling in opposite directions and it seems that both refused to give a sufficiency of the road way and as a consequence their buggy wheels locked. They then drew their pistols and began firing at each other until their guns were emptied. When the doctor began to reload Lay walked away and the firing ceased. All the shots went wide of the mark except one that penetrated the doctor's ankle. It was also said that one of the doctor's horses was wounded in the leg. Lay was arrested and placed under a \$500 bond to await the action of the grand jury. There were no witnesses to the shooting except the parties themselves.

Jelously prompted Stella Payne, a colored lass of St. Louis, last Saturday night to practice a novel, though effective method of punishing her recreant lover, Philip Lozier. She waited until he had retired for the night, and embraced in the arms of Morpheus. Then she stole quietly to his bedside and turned down the cover, which was a horse blanket. She then saturated him thoroughly with coal oil and set it off with a match. The poor fellow jumped from his lair and fought fire desperately, the damsel in the meantime laughing at his antics. His brother came to his relief and dragged Philip out of doors and after rolling him over in the snow succeeded in subduing the flames, but not until after Philip was badly burned. He will get well, notwithstanding his close call. His handsome features will be so much disfigured that other damsels will not bestow their smiles upon him in the future as they did in the past, and that is the way Stella wanted it to be. Philip said "I'm done with that woman for good. She too hot stuff for me." When the policeman went to arrest Stella she had disappeared.